

“Behavior: Good And Bad”

Lesson Text: 1 Timothy 3:15.

41.3 **διάγω; ἀγωγή, ἥς f; ἀναστρέφομαι; ἀναστροφή, ἥς f:** to conduct oneself, with apparent focus upon overt daily behavior—‘to live, to conduct oneself, to behave, behavior, conduct.’ (Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*)

“to conduct oneself,” indicating one’s manner of life and character, is accordingly rendered “behave” in **1 Tim. 3:15**, lit., “how it is necessary to behave,” not referring merely to Timothy himself, but to all the members of the local church.” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words - Vol. 2, p. 58).

I. What Is Good Behavior?

- We learn What Good Behavior Is From Our Parents— Especially From The Scriptures....
- Honorable Behavior- **1 Peter 2:12**. (Underlying Theme- This Is Your Choice!)
- Holy Conduct- **1 Peter 1:15; 2 Peter 3:11**.
- Upright and Blameless- **1 Thessalonians 2:10**.
- The Right & Righteous Way Of Christ- **1 Peter 3:14-17**.

II. What Is Bad Behavior?

- We Learn from Those Around Us Who Don’t Care!...The World Against What Is Right!
- Sinful and Evil Conduct- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**. (Underlying Theme- This Is Your Choice!)
- Sensual Conduct- **2 Peter 2:7-8**.
- Disorderly Conduct- **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**.
- Vain Or Aimless- **1 Peter 1:18**.

III. What Are The Outcomes Of Good Behavior?

- Good Behavior Produces A Good Conscience- **Hebrews 13:18; Acts 24:16**.
- Good Behavior Makes Us A Good Example- **1 Peter 3:1-2; 1 Timothy 4:12**.
- Good Behavior Gives Us No Cause To Fear- **Romans 13:3**.
- Good Behavior Distinguishes Us- **Proverbs 20:11; 22:29**.
- Good Behavior is Rewarded- **Matthew 25:23; Hebrew 13:7**.

IV. What Are The Outcomes Of Bad Behavior?

- Bad Behavior Produces A Bad Conscience- **Titus 1:15**.
- Bad Behavior Makes Us A Bad Example- **Matthew 5:13; Matthew 23:1-7**.
- Bad Behavior Gives Us Cause To Fear- **Romans 13:4; Hebrews 10:26-27**.
- Bad Behavior Brings Us Shame- **Ephesians 5:11-12**.
- Bad Behavior is Punished- **Matthew 25:41**.

V. What Should We Do About Bad Behavior?

- Listen and Heed Correction- **Proverbs 19:16; Vs.20**.
- Make Every Effort To Have Good Conduct In Life! **Philippians 1:27**.